BEFORE THE MINNESOTA

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

In the Matter of the Physical Therapy License of Andrew Kulas, P.T.

Date of Birth: 4/20/1979

License Number: 7379

STIPULATION AND ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Andrew Kulas, P.T.

("Respondent"), and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board

of Physical Therapy ("Board") as follows:

1. During all times herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the

jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice physical therapy in the State

of Minnesota.

2. Respondent has been advised by Board representatives that he may choose to be

represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of his right to representation by

counsel, Respondent has knowingly and expressly waived that right. The Committee was

represented by Nathan W. Hart, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400,

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2131, telephone (651) 296-7575.

FACTS

3. For the purpose of this stipulation, the Board may consider the following facts as

true:

a. Respondent was originally licensed as a Physical Therapist on April 15,

2004. His license expired on December 31, 2010.

b. Respondent did not renew his license until January 10, 2011.

c. During the intervening time period, Respondent continued to work as a physical therapist and hold himself out as licensed to practice as a physical therapist in the State of Minnesota.

STATUTES

4. The Committee views Respondent's practices as inappropriate in such a way as to require Board action under Minn. Stat. § 148.75(a)(1) (violated a statute or rule that the Board is authorized to enforce), (6) (engaged in unprofessional conduct), and (18) (practiced as a physical therapist under lapsed or nonrenewed credentials) (2010). Respondent agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action under these statutes.

REMEDY

- 5. Upon this stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without any further notice or hearing herein, Respondent does hereby consent that the Board may make and enter an order **REPRIMANDING** Respondent for the conduct referenced above.
- Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this
 Stipulation and Order.
- 7. Within ten days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall provide the Board with a list of all hospitals, clinics, and skilled nursing facilities at which Respondent currently has privileges, a list of all states in which Respondent is licensed or has applied for licensure, and the addresses and telephone numbers of Respondent's residences and all work sites. Within seven days of any change, Respondent shall provide the Board with the new address and telephone information. The information shall be sent to Stephanie Lunning, Minnesota Board of

Physical Therapy, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 420, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-3664.

- 8. In the event Respondent resides or practices outside the State of Minnesota, Respondent shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the location of his residence and all work sites.
- 9. If Respondent shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fully comply with each of the terms, provisions, and conditions herein, the Committee shall schedule a hearing before the Board. The Committee shall mail Respondent a notice of the violation alleged by the Committee and of the time and place of the hearing. Respondent shall submit a response to the allegations at least three days prior to the hearing. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations may be deemed admitted.

At the hearing before the Board, the Committee and Respondent may submit affidavits made on personal knowledge and argument based on the record in support of their positions. The evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to such affidavits and this Stipulation and Order. Respondent waives a hearing before an administrative law judge and waives discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing administrative hearings or civil trials.

At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to impose additional disciplinary action, including additional conditions or limitations on Respondent's practice, or suspension or revocation of Respondent's license.

10. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this settlement, this stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that Respondent agrees that

should the Board reject this stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

- 11. Respondent waives any further hearings on this matter before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled by Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the stipulation shall be the final order herein.
- 12. Respondent hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this stipulation and has voluntarily entered into the stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. This stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this stipulation.

Dated: 5/5/1/

Dated:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

ANDREW KULAS, P.T.

Respondent

SIGNATURE ON FILE

POR THE COMMITTEE

ORDER

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the terms of this stipulation are adopted and

implemented by the Board this day of

___<u>, 2011</u>.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

SIGNATURE ON FILE

STEPHANIE LUNNING
Executive Director

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